



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Commissioner for Patents  
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111(C)

Sir:

In response to the Office action dated February 7, 2006, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire May 7, 2006, having been extended as one month so as to expire on June 7, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on Page 5 of this paper.